

c) REMARKS

The claims are 15, 22, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 33 with claims 15 and 29 being independent. Claims 15 and 29 have been amended to clarify the present claimed invention.

The Examiner had objected to the claims under Rule 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner notes the specification discloses a blend of a first and second polycarbonate resin, where the second polycarbonate resin has the higher viscosity average molecular weight.

Without agreeing or disagreeing and solely to expedite prosecution, independent claims 15 and 29 have been amended to provide that the second polycarbonate resin has a viscosity average molecular weight of 20,000 or more.

The portion of the specification supporting the above feature appears on page 13, lines 2-16, which reads as follows:

“In general, although strength (wear-resistance and hardness) of resin is increased as molecular weight is increased, if the molecular weight reaches a certain value or exceeds the certain value, the strength is not yet increased to maintain a constant value even when the molecular weight is further increased (emphasis supplied). On the other hand, as the molecular weight is decreased, the strength is gradually decreased, and the molecular weight reaches a certain value or less, . . . . the strength is abruptly decreased when the molecular weight is 15,000 to 20,000. Therefore, . . . . moderate wear (abrasion) ability can be maintained.”

It is apparent from the above-noted disclosures that the phrase “the molecular weight reaches a certain value or exceeds the certain value” means --the

molecular weight reaches 20,000 or exceeds 20,000-- Mixing the first polycarbonate resin having a low molecular weight with the moderate wear (abrasion) ability with the second polycarbonate resin having a higher molecular weight with the desired strength can obtain both characteristics. As discussed above, the cited description supports the phrase "the second polycarbonate resin having a viscosity average molecular weight of 20,000 or more."

Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should now be withdrawn, since the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. There being no further impediments, the application should be allowed.

This amended should be entered, since it complies with Examiner's suggestions, reduces the issues and places the case in allowable form. Accordingly, it is submitted that the final rejection should be withdrawn the claims allowed and the case passed to issue.

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